1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Goa	1900	2700	2000	3225	2300	2650
Maharashtra . . .	1950	2500	2750	2950	1800	2500
Tamil Nadu . . .	1875	3250	2026	2595	1500	2600
Andhra Pradesh . .	1100	3500	1186	2700	953	2375

*Prices fixed by the Government of Kerala under Monopoly Procurement Scheme.

(d) Government of India implemented programmes for area expansion under cashewnut and adoption of plant protection measures during last three years. Under these programmes input support is provided towards cost of planting materials, fertilizers, and plant protection chemicals and for maintenance of gardens.

(e) The amount spent and the number of farmers benefitted during the last three years are given below:

Year	Amount spent (Rs. in in lakh)	Farmers benefited
1991-92	53.44	10800
1992-93	194.259	27600
1993-94	422.41	30500

(f) The long term measures to help the farmers in the strategy for development of cashewnut during VIII Plan include propagation of elite planting material of improved varieties, development of new plantations and replanting in a phased manner to increase the area and improve the status of uneconomical senile cashew plantations. During 8th Plan Government of India has allocated Rs. 45 crores for development of cashewnut.

Unattainable Targets in the Agriculture Sector

7126. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Planning Commission fixed those targets for the agriculture sector which were on the higher side and could not be achieved, as stated by the Secretary, Ministry of Agriculture, as per the newsitem published in the Hindustan Times dated April 9, 1994, captioned "Record production of Oilseeds, Cotton";

(b) if so, the details in this regard;

(c) whether it is also a fact that for the next year a target of 189 million tonnes for foodgrain production has been fixed, whereas the production during 1993-94 was 180.52 million tonnes, against a target of 188 million tonnes; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI ARVIND NETAM): (a) and (b) The target of production of foodgrains for 1993-94 at 188.0 million tonnes fixed by the Planning Commission was considered relatively higher keeping in view the demand

supply balances and production environment including weather situation.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) The crop-wise details of foodgrains target and likely achievement during 1993-94 and target for 1994-95 are as follows:

(Million tonnes)

Crop	1993-94		1994-95
	Target	Likely Achievement	Target
Rice	78.00	76.82	78.50
Wheat	58.50	57.80	58.50
Coarse cereals	36.00	31.06	36.50
Pulses	15.50	14.84	15.50
Total Foodgrains	188.0	180.52	189.00

Sprinkler Subisidy

7127. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have recently approved a proposal for enhancement of acreage for eligibility of sprinkler subsidy under the scheme of oilseeds and Pulse production;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) to what extent the small and marginal farmers will be benefited in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) to (c) The matter is under consideration.

Collaborative Research between India and U. K.

7128. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the British Government has recently approved a grant aid of £1.6 milion for a collaborative research project between the Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute (IGFRI) Jhansi and the institute of Grassland and Environmental Research, U.K.; and

(b) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI S. KRISHNA KUMAR): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project aims at:-

(i) Upgradation of research capabilities of Indian Grassland and Fodder Research Institute, Jhansi.

(ii) Production of targeted quantity of breeder seed of fodder crops.